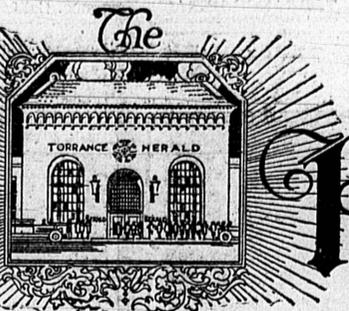


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More Than 600 Attend Legion's Flower Display

Beautiful Setting Arranged For Exhibition of Prize Flowers

More than 600 people entered the doors of the new Levy building on El Prado Friday and Saturday to enjoy the woodland beauties that formed the setting of the Third Annual Community Betterment Flower Show of the Best S. Crossland American Legion Post.

A placid lily pool, artistically banked with ferns and moss, and profuse with water lilies of every kind and hue, was the first mass of beauty to catch the eye of the visitor. Another spot of striking beauty was the beautiful display of begonias from the private greenhouses of Roy Berry of Keystone. The display, which was entered under the auspices of the Keystone Chapter of Commerce, was placed in the center of the building, and formed a solid mass of foliage many feet long and several feet high.

Dahlias in the most beautiful of autumnal shades were the main feature of the show, and at the left of the entrance was a huge basket of Mrs. Nellie Crossland dahlias, grown and originated by Jack Hallett of Hollywood, and named for the mother of the local American Legion Post.

Mrs. Price Wins Again—Pale blue, against which was a tracing of graceful willow leaves, formed the essence of the beautiful background curtain at the rear of the building.

Mrs. J. T. Price, of Lomita, was the winner of the sweepstakes prize, a large, bronze loving cup donated by the business men of Torrance. The cup, which must be won for three consecutive years to become a permanent trophy, was awarded to Mrs. Price for the second consecutive year. She was awarded a total of 117 points on various entries and won the cup by a wide margin, the nearest competitor having only 35 points. Mrs. Price was also the winner of the silver cup offered by the First National Bank for the best display of dahlias by an amateur.

S. A. Whiting, employee of the Pacific Electric, was awarded a bronze medal offered by the Better Flowers Magazine to the exhibitor of the best flower in the show.

The winning flower was an unnamed seedling dahlia of golden bronze coloring and with wonderfully curled petals. The dahlia was between a cutting and show type variety, with fine spacing of petals and a strong stem.

Considerable credit was given to Carleton B. Bell, who as general chairman of the show worked long and hard for the success of the event. The commander of the Legion post, H. M. Bailey, was pressed his gratitude to Mr. Bell for his services today to the Herald. The Legion officers also thanked the Judges, Charles A. Brazee, of Keystone, and Bob Newcomb, of Long Beach, and all exhibitors and designers of the Flower Show setting.

The following is a complete list of awards made:

- Commercial Division
- Basket of 20 or more gladioli: C. B. Bell & Son.
- Three large flowered gladioli: C. B. Bell & Son.
- Three primulas gladioli: C. B. Bell & Son.
- Best display of dahlias: Epler Dahlia Gardens.
- Twelve or more decorative dahlias: Burch Dahlia Gardens, first; Epler Dahlia Gardens, second.
- Basket of dahlias and other flowers and foliage: Epler Dahlia Gardens, first; Ralph B. Blakeman, second.
- Basket of pom pom dahlias: Epler Dahlia Gardens, first; Ralph B. Blakeman, second.
- Collection of 10 varieties dahlias: Epler Dahlia Gardens, first; Ralph B. Blakeman, second.
- Exhibit of nursery stock: King's Nursery.
- Chamber of Commerce display: Keystone Chamber of Commerce, first; Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, awarded merit; and Lynwood.

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"Kidnapper" Brings Distinction To City

Torrance has gained another distinction. According to police here, the city now can boast of having the youngest "kidnapper" in the world.

The alleged "kidnapper" was a little two-year-old youngster when the baby's mother appealed to police for aid in the search for the child. Officer William Malin found the baby enjoying her "kidnapping" at the local kindergarten where she asserted "kidnapper" was enrolled as a pupil.

Officer Malin reported the "criminal" was about four years old and had "just picked up the baby on her way to school in order to start the baby in right." The baby-victim refused to be "rescued" by the officer but voiced delighted gurgles at the sight of her distraught mother.

Theft of Clock Arouses Page's Ire at Criminal

Offers \$25 Reward To Teach Thief Lesson In Honesty

Not because the clock is worth anywhere near what it is offering as a reward for its return or information leading to arrest and conviction of the thief who stole it from his office, but because W. Rufus Page is certain that the theft of the clock was too petty an incident to be overlooked, he is offering \$25 reward for the timepiece.

"The clock that was stolen from my office Monday afternoon is worth only about \$5 but I am convinced that its theft is so useless that it makes the person who took it a menace to society in general," he said.

Page was in Los Angeles Monday afternoon and, as is his custom, left his office door unlocked so that persons wishing to see him on business could be informed that he was out for the time being and learn the time of his arrival back at the office. The clock was removed from a wall in the ante room of the office.

Oscar Landen Weds In Sweden, Report

LOMITA.—Friends of Oscar Landen, past president of Logen Vikens, No. 256, of San Pedro, will be delighted to learn that their predictions have come true. Letters to relatives here announce Mr. Landen's marriage to Miss Hilda Malmkvist, a native of Sweden, who formerly made her home in Evanston, Ill. The marriage occurred in Gutesborg, Sweden, August 30. The bride, who has made her home in her native land for the past fifteen years, was formerly a member of Vasa Orden of America, in Evanston.

Mr. Landen will return to California early in November, while his bride must wait until the spring quota for Swedish immigrants is admitted.

CITY WILL JOIN CARAVAN

Torrance Officials Will Participate in Opening of New Sepulveda Boulevard Next Saturday Afternoon

Considerable rivalry has sprung up over the official opening of Sepulveda tunnel and boulevard next Saturday afternoon. Chambers of Commerce and city officials in the San Fernando valley as far north as Saugus, and those south of the tunnel reaching to San Pedro and Long Beach, are going with each other to see which will have the larger delegation.

According to word received by officials of the West Los Angeles branch of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the celebration committee, there is evidence that this will be the greatest celebration of its kind ever held in Los Angeles county.

Meet at City Hall

EARL CONNOR CHOSEN HEAD LEGIONNAIRE

Succeeds H. M. Bailey As Commander of Local Post

Earl Connor, well known cafe owner, was elected commander of the Best S. Crossland Post of the American Legion here Tuesday night. Connor succeeds H. M. Bailey as leader of the local Legion organization.

Other officers elected were: Louis Delinger, first vice commander; L. G. Baridull, second vice commander; H. J. Delinger, finance officer; F. A. Tiffany, historian; J. M. Gill, chaplain; Harry Cull, sergeant-at-arms; and J. H. Scott, service officer. The three members elected to serve on the executive committee were N. E. Jamieson, Ray Leslie, and Charles Myers. The adjutant of the post will be appointed by Commander-elect Connor at the next regular meeting of the Legion.

Installation ceremonies will be held Monday evening, September 22, at 8 o'clock at a closed meeting, U. S. Van Der Cor, first vice commander for the 19th District, will be the installing officer. Following the induction of the officers-elect an entertainment program will be held.

Harbor City Man Cave-In Victim

Reported Recovering in Long Beach Hospital Now

A victim of a cave-in at the Long Beach Brick company's yards at 25th street and Normandie avenue, H. Havener, 55, of Harbor City, is in a Long Beach hospital recovering from his experience. Havener was extricated from the cave-in yesterday morning after he had been covered with earth for about half an hour. He was rushed to the hospital by Stone & Myers ambulance.

Miss Wilson Is Shower Honoree

Surprise Affair Sponsored by Royal Neighbors

LOMITA.—Miss Annora Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Glen Wilson of Narbonne avenue, was given a pre-nuptial shower Tuesday evening in Masonic hall on Narbonne avenue. The surprise affair, sponsored by Delhora Camp of Royal Neighbors, of which Miss Wilson is a charter member, was attended by many other friends, all of whom presented beautiful gifts to the honoree. Miss Wilson's marriage to Philip N. Millett of Waterville, Maine, will occur in the near future.

Costly Machine Now at Evening School

Torrance Evening High school has installed a new bookkeeping machine in the commercial department at a cost of about one thousand dollars. Torrance is very fortunate in getting one of these machines as there are only three other high schools in the Los Angeles city school system that have one of these pieces of equipment.

"So They Took the \$25,000—"



CURTIS FIELD, N. Y.—Captain Dieudonne Coste and his co-pilot Maurice Bellonte, on their return to New York, after completing their flight from Louisville, Ky., where they made an over night stop on their way back from Dallas, Texas. The two Frenchmen flew to Dallas after their arrival in New York in a non-stop trip from Paris, to win the \$25,000 prize set up by Col. W. E. Easterwood for a flight from Paris to the Southwestern city.

Photo shows, L. to R., are, Maurice Bellonte, Madam Doret, Captain Dieudonne Coste, and Marcel Doret, the noted French speed flyer.

Herald to Give Returns

Bulletins To Be Posted When Result of Election Tonight Is Known; Phone Inquiries Will Be Answered

As usual the Torrance Herald will furnish election service to all Torrance residents this evening after the closing of the polls at the City Hall at 7 p.m.

It is expected that the election returns will be available shortly after 8 p.m. tonight. The Herald will publish the result of the Water Bond ballot in special bulletins and these will be distributed to this newspaper's bulletin boards at the Dolly Drug Store, the Torrance Pharmacy, Beacon Drug Store, Bank of Italy and First National banks.

Telephone inquiries will be answered by the Herald until 11 o'clock tonight. Just call Torrance 444 and the result of the election will be given to you.

School Enrollment Makes Slight Increase Here; 1817 in Classes

At the present time there are 44 more pupils attending school in Torrance than there were a year ago this date, according to reports from the schools today. There are 1817 children enrolled now as compared with 1763 a year ago. This is considered a sizable increase although the peak enrollment has not been recorded as yet. This high point in the school year is expected toward the close of the first semester's work.

Evening Schools Open—There are 555 students attending the Torrance High school, an increase of 48 over last year. The Elementary school has 953 pupils, which is 13 less than this month last year. At the Fern avenue school, 112 pupils are registered, or eight more than in 1929 at this date. The Waltera school reports 137 pupils—seven more than the 1929 figure.

No report has been made as yet on the attendance at the Torrance Evening High school classes as registrations in the various subjects taught there are still open to local residents. Information as to the classes may be had at the high school. The evening classes are also being held at Narbonne High school in Lomita.

Narbonne Annual Staff Is Headed By Pauline Baker

LOMITA.—Miss Pauline Baker has been appointed editor-in-chief of the 1931 issue of Narbonne's annual El Eco. Miss Baker will be assisted by the following section editors: Olive Edwards, classes; Lowell Benfer, organizations; Florence Rider, activities; Nellie Card, achievements; Stanley Asptille, boys' sports; Florence Lowderback, girls' sports; and Helen White, humor.

Appointments on the art staff will be made in the near future while the business staff will not be appointed until next semester.

BUCKLER BUILDING HOME HERE ON BEECH STREET

Tom Waters, of the Torrance Investment Company, reports the sale of a residence lot on Beech street to J. H. Buckler, proprietor of the Buckler Shoe Store, who will move here from Long Beach as soon as his new home, now being built, is completed.

ROYAL PALMS PRICE IS SAID TOO HIGH NOW

Supervisors Make Definite Overtures To Acquire 355-Acre Tract

A difference of about \$150,000 is holding up the acquisition of the Royal Palms site for a county park, according to information received here today. The County Board of Supervisors contend that the owners of Royal Palms are that much too high in their price for the land. The site is being held for \$390,000, it is understood. Meanwhile, the supervisors are continuing their work of studying the proposition.

The board's first real definite action towards the acquisition of 355 acres of the Royal Palms tract for a park was when County Counsel Mattoon was instructed to draft a preliminary plan of negotiations for presentation to owners of the property.

Whatever is done, the average cannot be purchased this year as the appropriation will have to be made in next year's budget. The land embraces approximately 3500 feet of beach frontage.

McGinley, Hill Recount Is Off

Principals Fail To Appear When Case Is Called

Because they were both mistaken in the date for their recount case before the Superior court, Ben Hill and Frank McGinley, recent candidates for the assembly, had their case thrown out of court this week.

Both principals believed the date for their case to be later, and when neither one appeared in court on the calling of the case, the matter was removed from the court's calendar. The trial was to have decided whether or not McGinley had enough evidence to call for a recount of the votes, in which he lost by only 11 votes, cast in the assembly race.

Orange Street P.-T.A. Meets

New Radio Is Purchased for School

LOMITA.—Those who attended the Orange Street P.-T.A. reception for the faculty and new school mothers, Tuesday afternoon, unanimously agreed that it was the most delightful affair ever held at the school.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated with gold and lavender blossoms, and the color scheme was further carried out in decoration of tables and in refreshments served. A feature of the afternoon was a most interesting talk on "My Trip to Europe," by Mrs. W. H. Martin, a member of the faculty. Mrs. Martin illustrated her talk with post cards.

A program of folk songs was presented by pupils of Mrs. McCoy's room, under direction of Miss Quinn, musical director of the school. During the business session a new radio was purchased for the school at a cost of \$59.50. The attendance prize, \$15.00 went to Mrs. Carter's room.

"MORE LAND!" CRY IS RAISED

Nearby Cities Involved in Heated Pro and Con Annexation Proceedings with Hawthorne Center of Controversy

Reminiscent of ancient and modern struggles by individuals, states and nations for more land is the situation now being "exposed," "defended," "explained" and "outlined" in a number of cities near Torrance.

What is termed as "a plain case of gerrymandering" in its most flagrant form has been laid at the door of the Hawthorne city council by the Gardena Valley News which states further in an editorial that it has disclosed the fact that Hawthorne by "secret annexation elections hopes to gobble up Western City, Alondra Park and to come clear to the lines of the City of Gardena, thus cutting it off from further growth."

But on the other hand, and in the Hawthorne-Lennox Advertiser it is asserted that "the city officials are not actuated by any ulterior motive in encouraging these moves on the part of people outside the city."

What is being said about the whole matter is based upon the election September 12 in which part of Western City (about 320 acres) was annexed to Hawthorne by a vote of 22 to 8, and subsequent elections, one to be held on Tuesday, September 30, and the other on October 16. The first is to decide the annexation of the Ballona avenue district, comprising territory east of Hawthorne, and the second one to include the Prairie avenue district, which includes territory southeast of Hawthorne as far south as Riverside-Redondo boulevard and including Alondra Park.

Notions of an injunction suit, growing out of the surprise annexation of the Western City territory, is scheduled to commence about the first of next year.

WATER BOND ELECTION HAS RECORD VOTE

Poll at Fire Station Open Until 7 o'Clock: All Present May Vote

With the election of Wayne Bogart, well-known automobile dealer, as mayor, Torrance's new municipal neighbor on the north, Gardena, is now functioning as a sixth class city. Other members of the Gardena council are Earl Stewart, Charles Hale, S. M. Sever and A. A. Bamford. Miss Adelmia Gregory is city clerk and Bernice Barnett is city treasurer. The council holds its meetings every other Tuesday evening.

Gardena will be without income from municipal taxes until December of 1931, because of the supervisors delaying the incorporation proceedings until late this summer, it is reported. Arrangements are being made to rent the American Legion building in Gardena for the council chamber. The only appointment to be made so far is the selection of Lester Luce of Inglewood as city attorney.

Parent-Teachers of School Here In First Meeting

Elementary Association Has Varied Program To Start Year

The first meeting of the Elementary Teachers Association Tuesday afternoon proved to be a very interesting one and was well attended. The attendance prizes were won by Mrs. Lois Strasser's room for the kindergarten, Mrs. L. Bond's room for the first grade, Mrs. J. L. Young's room for the upstairs, and Mrs. M. Bell, Jr., principal, spoke of the movement for a cafeteria at the school and of a caddy counter there which will prevent the children from going to the high school and thus being away from the supervision of the faculty of the school during the lunch time. Mrs. Maude Williams, vice-principal of the school, also spoke about the same matter and of the children who come from homes where there are large families and not much employment for the fathers, these children are undernourished and should be provided with a hot nourishing dish at noon.

A committee from the organization has been appointed to confer with Mr. Conrad, of the board of education, in reference to this subject of a cafeteria at the school.

Describes Trip—The program consisted of a demonstration of games by Mrs. Gertrude Haydon's class which is composed of foreign children. Mrs. Godwin's class sang several primary songs. Miss L. Boudnot illustrated the manner in which reading is taught by means of pictures and large cards with words printed upon them. These words being the names of subjects in the pictures.

Mrs. Bond explained the seat work, as it is called, this being games which are played by means of cards and words. T. R. Mort of San Pedro, spoke in favor of the daylight saving which is to appear on the ballot in November and explained some of the benefits that would arise from this law. Mr. Bell also spoke about this law.

Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the bond election which is being held today. Mrs. Nettie Steinhill. (Continued on Page 4-A)

Election of Officers Scheduled October 6

LOMITA.—Members of the Auxiliary to Lomita camp No. 1622, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will note that the annual election of officers will be held Monday evening, October 6, in Scout hall on Weston street.

At the national convention held recently in Baltimore it was decided that the time of the annual election should be uniform throughout the United States, i.e., on the first regular meeting date in October. The move was made in deference to Eastern members, who often find it difficult to attend meetings during the winter months.

Plans are being completed by the Southern California Telephone Company for the installation of 21 miles of underground telephone cable between Los Angeles and Long Beach at an estimated expenditure of \$361,740. Work on the cable, which will provide additional facilities for the harbor district, is scheduled to commence about the first of next year.